



10 March 2022  
Newsletter



## PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers  
Kia Ora

### **COVID - 19**

We are thinking of all the families who are self-isolating and appreciate what they are doing to keep the rest of our community safe. We are also very appreciative of the parents who are keeping children home if they are showing symptoms similar to Covid-19. Today I can report we have 22 students (4%) who have tested positive:

Year 1	3
Year 2	1
Year 3	6
Year 4	3
Year 5	4
Year 6	5

We have one member of staff who has tested positive and two in self-isolation as household contacts. It is really good to see our students are now returning to school after their 10 days isolation.

The Ministry of Health guidelines will change on Friday 11 March at 11.59pm. The new guidelines are:

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- Isolation periods are being shortened. From 11:59pm Friday, people with COVID-19 and their Household Contacts must isolate for 7 days, not 10 days.
- Household Contacts will need to test on Day 3 and Day 7.
- Once you have recovered from COVID-19, you will not need to isolate again for 3 months, if someone else in your household tests positive during that time. This is an increase from 1 month.

If a person is isolating and still has symptoms after 7 days, they are advised to stay home until 24 hours after symptoms resolve. Household Contacts will need to have a Rapid Antigen Test on day 3 and day 7 of their isolation period. If they become symptomatic, they should also get a test and if the result is positive they are required to isolate for 7 days from that point.

Over the past few weeks, I have sent most classes a notice advising of a Covid case in their class (only 7 out of 25 classes have been unaffected). It has been quite difficult ensuring this notice happens in a timely manner as in some cases we are being advised of students being positive quite some time after they have been tested. Also, I will soon be repeating the instructions to some classes as other students in the class test positive. I aim to continue to send out emails in a timely manner to affected classes, yet I would just ask everyone to please follow the guidance below: At Phase 3 of the Omicron response, only cases and household contacts are legally required to isolate.

#### What we're doing

- We are staying open.
- We are using public health measures to reduce the risk in our settings, including masks, physical distancing and ventilation.
- We have appropriate cleaning procedures in place.

#### What you need to do

- You and your whānau should be very vigilant about monitoring for symptoms.
- If any symptoms develop, get tested immediately.
- Then, stay at home until you receive a negative result, AND until you or your child is symptom free for at least 24 Hours.
- Wear a face mask when out and about.
- Wash hands often with soap for 20 seconds and dry your hands completely.
- Wash your hands if you have been in a public place or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- Avoid touching your face, and cough or sneeze into your elbow or cover your mouth with tissues.

#### Symptoms of COVID-19

- A new or worsening cough.
- Sneezing and runny nose.
- A fever.
- Temporary loss of smell or altered sense of taste.
- Sore throat.
- Shortness of breath.

Less common symptoms include diarrhoea, headache, muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, malaise, chest pain, abdominal pain, joint pain, or confusion/irritability.

For more information, go to [the Unite Against COVID-19 website](#).

Please keep your child home if they are unwell. If your Whanau has a positive case or household case, please notify the school through the links on our website <https://www.brownsbay.school.nz/index.php/contact/report-absence>.

#### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS**

The Board of Trustees have decided to select a school community member to complete Daniel Smith's remaining term of office until the Board Elections in September this year. To begin this process the Board is required to publish the Notice:

Browns Bay School Board

<b>Casual vacancy for a parent representative</b>
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A casual vacancy has occurred on the school board for an elected parent representative. The board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection. If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held. Request for a by-election should be sent to Stacey Strang <a href="mailto:bbs@brownsbay.school.nz">bbs@brownsbay.school.nz</a> before 25 March 2022
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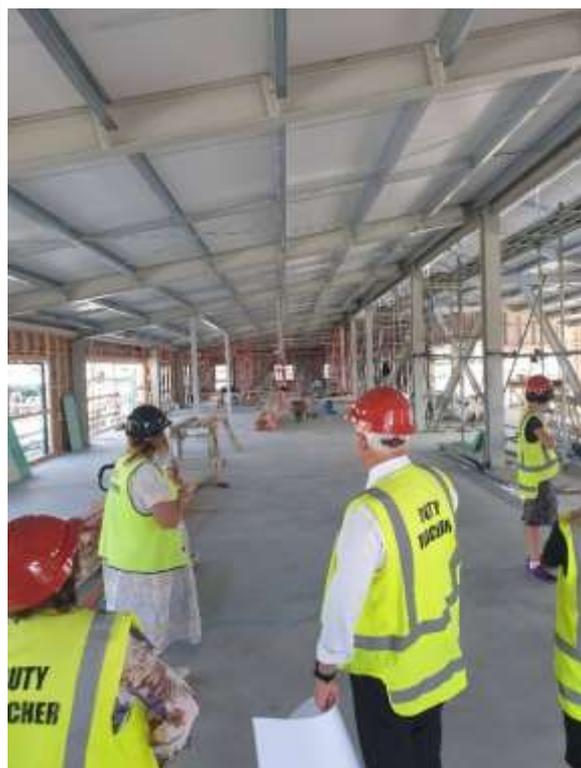
This year is an election year for Board members and if you are interested in becoming a Board member, the [NZSTA website](#) has a lot of good information for interested people.

## **MLE – MODERN LEARNING ENVIRONMENT**

The Year 5 and 6 teachers spent a day with Jo Robson, our Modern Learning Environment Professional Development Co-ordinator, to plan the transition of our Year 5 and 6 students into the New Build. The Team were able to do a Site Visit to check out the design and spaces. The photos below show how the New Build is progressing, and we are hoping for a late Term 2 or early Term 3 move into the Block.



**NEW BUILD SITE VISIT 02 MARCH**  
**Year 5 and 6 Team**



## **TEACHER ONLY DAY – THURSDAY 14 APRIL (SCHOOL CLOSED)**

The Board of Trustees has approved this day as a Teacher Only Day for professional development as part of the Government Accord. This means the school will be closed for instruction on the Thursday and children are not to come to school. All teaching staff will be engaged in professional development. This is the day before the Easter weekend and will be the start of the Term Break.



Peter Mulcahy  
PRINCIPAL

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

A full schedule of events for Term 1 2022 is available on our school website calendar with the most current events included in each newsletter.

Friday 11 March – Junior Outdoor Education Day	Wednesday 16 March – Level 5 Waterwise
Wednesday 23 March – Level 5 Waterwise	Thursday 24 March – BOT Meeting - 6.30pm - Zoom
Wednesday 30 March – Level 5 Waterwise	Tuesday 05 April – Emergency Drill Day
Wednesday 06 April – FOTS AGM – 7pm - Staffroom	Wednesday 13 April – Last day of Term 1
Thursday 14 April - Teacher Only Day (school closed)	Monday 02 May – Term 2 Starts

**SCHOOL EVENTS**

**YEAR 3 BIGFOOT OUTDOOR EDUCATION DAY**

What a wonderful time the Year 3's had at their Bigfoot Outdoor Education Day at Long Bay Regional Park on Monday and Tuesday. They were fortunate enough to do a scavenger hunt, tent set up and pack down (including making a milo) and camp games. And let's not forget the extremely tall rock-climbing wall that these brave children climbed! Thank you to all our parent helpers that gave up their day to come down-we could not have done it without you. A special thanks to Ace Wang, Aaron Wright, Trent Barrett, Jaxon Crow, Jenni Crow and Joe O'Sullivan who stood in the hot sun all day belaying our rock climbers.



**FUN**





### **SUPER STARS**

Last week we held a virtual assembly on Friday afternoon where Mr Mulcahy announced the student recipients in a pre-recorded video. The following pupils received certificates for their achievements:

**YEAR 0/1 TEAM** - Scarlett Russell R8, Isla Gamble R9, George Frost R10, Zara Mills R11

**YEAR 2 TEAM** - Lian Kim R2, Leonie Berla R3, Ruby Abel R4, Anna Quirk R5

**YEAR 3 TEAM** - Jonathan Zhao R14, Jorja Taylor R15, Maeve McGovern R16, Timmy Wang R17, Mary Barber R34

**YEAR 4 TEAM** - Leo Erp R30, Euan Kim R31, Isobel Edmonds R32, Liam Bezuidenhout R33

**YEAR 5 TEAM** - Nathanael Hii R18, Farhaad Rehman R19, Ryan Lau R20, Lisa Yu R21

**YEAR 6 TEAM** - Hannah Joubert R24, Daniel Kim R25, Marcus Marshall R26, Anna Su 27

**VALUES AWARD** - Abbie Lyons R20

**ACHIEVEMENT CUPS** - Jonathan Xu R24, Olivia Chen R27, Blair Yan R19

**SERVICE TO THE SCHOOL** - Niamh Kemp R26



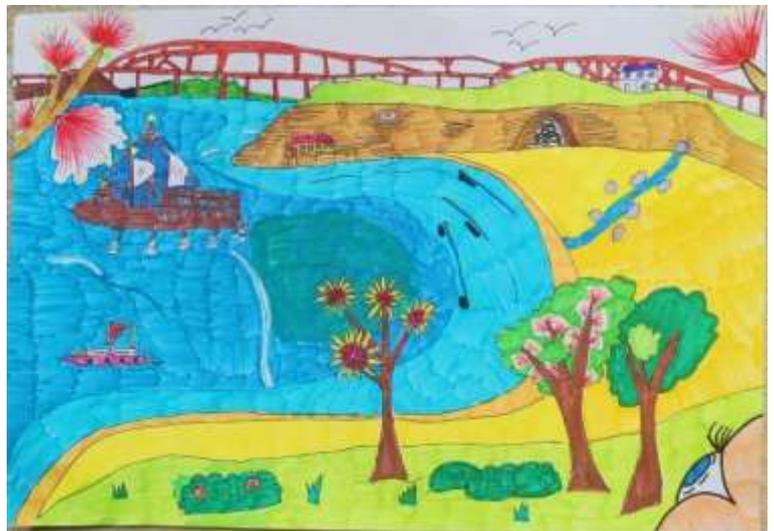


### **STAR STUDENTS**

Blair Yan and Celine Shi took part in the most popular children's talent competition amongst the Chinese community - GO! YOUNGSTER held by Skykiwi.com (New Zealand's "most influential" Chinese-language media). The competition started last year during lockdown by submitting entry videos. They both got into the final of the recitation and drawing groups. Celine also got into the final of the singing group. The final competition was held at Metropolis Museum Events Centre on 20 February and they both received really good results.



Celine received the silver prize for recitation and drawing and the bronze prize for singing. Blair received the bronze prize for recitation and potential award for drawing.



## SCHOOL NOTICES

### **NETBALL REGISTRATIONS**

Netball registrations are now open for the 2022 Winter Netball season which runs over Terms 2 and 3 for interested Year 1-6s.

All information can be found on the netball page on the school website:

LINK: <https://www.brownsbay.school.nz/index.php/sports/netball>

Here you will find all the detailed information as well as the registration forms.

#### **Key information:**

1. Registrations close on 17 March
2. Payment is via KINDO
3. Kidszplay at this stage will only be operating in the Orange setting.
4. YEAR 5 and 6 – Please note: options for Year 5 and 6 have changed this year. In 2022 there are 2 options for Year 5 and 6. Kidzplay on Saturdays or Netball North Harbour on a Wednesday. There will be no trials for teams this year, however, players should only choose one league and teams will only be able to be created based on the numbers of registrations at each venue.

Cherie Bibbie



## **SCHOOL LUNCHROOM**

The school lunchroom will be **closed** for one day on **Friday 01 April**.



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## **FOTS – Friends of the School**

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### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & NEXT FOTS MEETING:**

#### **WEDNESDAY 06 APRIL, 7PM, STAFFROOM**

Interested in joining Friends of the School (FOTS)? The Annual General Meeting is a great time to get involved because it marks the beginning of the FOTS year.

All welcome (but please email beforehand to confirm numbers).



Ahead of the AGM, we're calling for nominations from school parents/caregivers for the FOTS executive team roles of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. These roles have a 1-year term.

Nominations can be made via email to [fots@my.brownsbay.school.nz](mailto:fots@my.brownsbay.school.nz) and must be received by Tuesday 05 April, 3:30pm. Position descriptions and the FOTS constitution can be found here:

<https://www.brownsbay.school.nz/index.php/about-us/friends-school>

If you want to know more, please contact us: [fots@my.brownsbay.school.nz](mailto:fots@my.brownsbay.school.nz)

### **SCHOOL UNIFORM DONATIONS**

Do you have any BBS school uniform items in good, clean condition that you would be happy to donate to us for the uniform fundraising sale in **Term 2**? Please leave them *outside* the office over the coming weeks. The time and place of the Uniform Sale in early Term 2 is to be confirmed in the coming weeks.



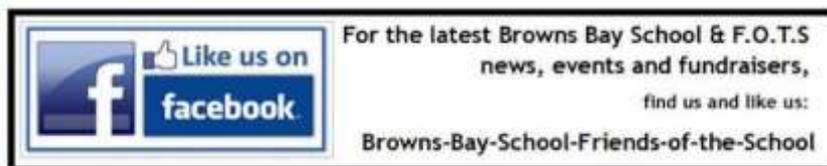
### **CONTACT FOTS**

If you'd like to subscribe to our volunteer's mailing list, or if you wish to learn more, please email [fots@my.brownsbayschool.nz](mailto:fots@my.brownsbayschool.nz), or find us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/Browns-Bay-School-Friends-of-the-School](https://www.facebook.com/Browns-Bay-School-Friends-of-the-School).

### **FACEBOOK**

Did you know we share a Facebook page with Browns Bay School? For news, photos, updates and event information, search

[www.facebook.com/Browns-Bay-School-Friends-of-the-School](https://www.facebook.com/Browns-Bay-School-Friends-of-the-School)



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## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

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# Holiday Programme



Ask to see our April Holiday Programme Planner today or go online!

BOOK NOW at:  
[www.skids.co.nz/book](http://www.skids.co.nz/book)

search for your school

Customer Service: 0800 274 172



**sKids**  
Safe Kids In Daily Supervision

# Holiday Programme

**Book Early!**

The poster features a vibrant orange and red background with a large white cloud shape. At the top center is the sKids logo, which includes a blue handprint and a red footprint. Below the logo is the text 'Safe Kids In Daily Supervision'. The main title 'Holiday Programme' is written in large, bold, orange letters. A decorative border of autumn leaves in various colors (green, yellow, orange, red) surrounds the central text. Two small inset photos show a child climbing a rock wall and another child eating a meal. A white button with the text 'Book Early!' is positioned at the bottom center.

**'We're working together to grow great kids'**  
E mahi tātou ki te whakatupu ake i a tātou tamariki

**KidsLink**  
Creating Connections

**SCHOOLS**  
**SERVICES**  
**FAMILIES**

**Visit [kidslink.co.nz](http://kidslink.co.nz) for more info**

The graphic features three curved arrows forming a circle. The top arrow is green and labeled 'SCHOOLS'. The bottom-left arrow is blue and labeled 'SERVICES'. The bottom-right arrow is purple and labeled 'FAMILIES'. In the center of the circle is the KidsLink logo, which consists of a stylized figure of a family holding hands, with the text 'KidsLink' and 'Creating Connections' below it.